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Amendment D

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**SPECIFICATION:***Please replace paragraph [0040] with the following amended paragraph:*

[0040] A solid or semi-solid fuel component comprises a major proportion, by weight, of the body of the present incendiary strand. The fuel component is selected from known combustible substances, or mixtures of substances, that undergo self-sustained combustion in a manner in which flames are produced of suitable length and intensity to cause the ignition of nearby vegetative fuels. Further, the amount of fuel component, as distributed along the length of the strand, must be sufficient to sustain burning at any point along the strand for a period of time sufficient to raise the temperature of nearby vegetative matter to the point of ignition. Some dead woody fuels may possess a relatively high degree of bound cellular moisture, requiring a certain intensity and duration of incident heat energy before the water is driven off to a point where burning of the vegetative matter can ensue in a self-sustained process. The incendiary strand of the present invention is provided with a fuel component that may exhibit[[s]] flaming combustion for a duration of from ten seconds to five minutes in time, as measured at any point along the length of the strand.